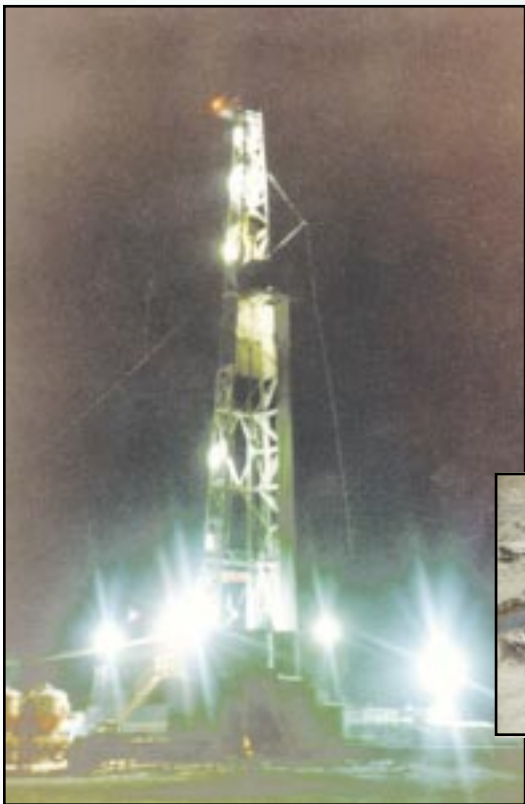


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The seven-member Board of Oil & Gas Conservation is a quasi-judicial body appointed to four-year terms by the governor. The board's jurisdiction applies statewide to all but Indian lands.

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Plugs old, abandoned, problem wells.



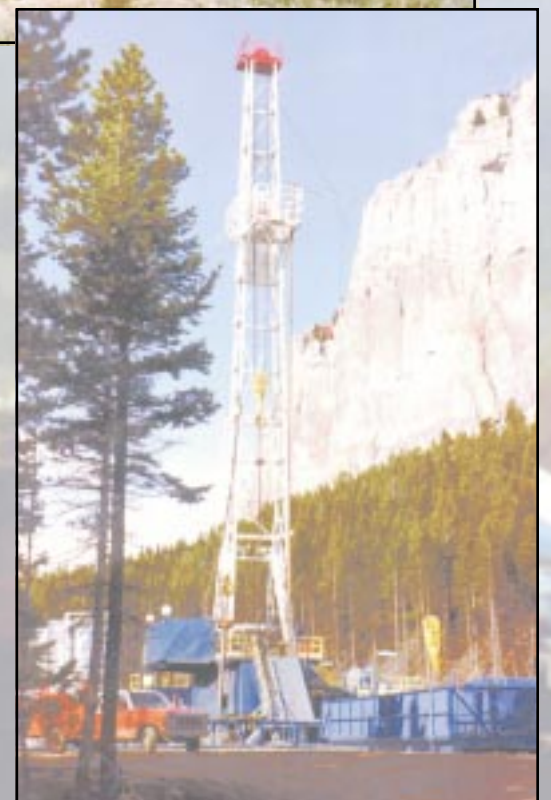
Conserves oil and gas by encouraging efficient recovery.



Protects the rights of mineral owners to recover their fair share of the oil and gas underlying their land.



Prevents waste of oil and gas resources.



Prevents oil and gas operations from harming nearby land or underground resources by establishing spacing units and issuing drilling permits.



Manages the Underground Injection Control Program to protect underground sources of drinking water.